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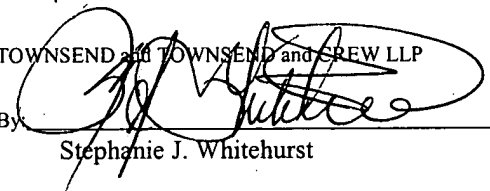
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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/637,844

Filed: August 10, 2000

For: OPTICAL AMPLIFICATION OF
MOLECULAR INTERACTIONS USING
LIQUID CRYSTALS

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Art Unit: 1645

RESPONSE TO *BONA FIDE*
ATTEMPT/ELECTION OF SPECIES
REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the *bona fide* attempt letter mailed on December 10, 2002,
Applicants submit herewith an election of a restricted group with traversal. Please
consider the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 114-117.

114. (New) A device for detecting ionic bonding between an inorganic
ion and a carboxylic acid, said device comprising:
a first substrate having a surface;

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